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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT TO EUROPE
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1. SUMMARY: FRANCOIS-PONCET SUGGESTS JANUARY 27 WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT DATE FOR GISCARD TO RECEIVE MONDALE THAN JANUARY 26. END SUMMARY

2. CHARGE SPOKE TO JEAN FRANCOIS-PONCET, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, TO CHECK ACCEPTABILITY OF SCHEDULE FOR PARIS PROPOSED IN REFTEL. FRANCOIS-PONCET SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT YESTERDAY WITH GISCARD WHO AT THAT TIME INDICATED THAT THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT TIME TO RECEIVE MONDALE. PRESIDENT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OFFER LUNCHEON THAT DAY FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

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3. CHARGE STRESSED THAT REFTEL SCHEDULE WAS THE PREFERENCE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT BUT SAID THAT HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT AND TRANSITION TEAM SOONEST OF GOF PREFERENCE. FRANCOIS-PONCET SAID THAT HIS RESPONSE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS RULING 26TH DATE OUT OF BOUNDS ENTIRELY, BUT SINCE GISCARD WOULD ONLY RETURN FROM SAUDI ARABIA ON THE 25TH, AND HAD REGULAR

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WEEKLY CABINET MEETING ON 26TH WHICH WOULD TIE UP HIS SCHEDULE FOR MOST OF THE DAY, HE PREFERRED 27TH. FRANCOIS-PONCET CONFIRMED RECEIPT OF WORD FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER WOULD BE TELEPHONING GISCARD BETWEEN 7:30 AND 8:00 P.M. PARIS TIME JANUARY 13 TO DISCUSS MONDALE VISIT.

4. COMMENT: IF ORDER OF LONDON AND PARIS STOPS COULD BE INVERTED, FRENCH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE GRATIFIED. HOWEVER, IN OUR JUDGMENT, THEY CAN PROBABLY ADAPT GISCARD'S SCHEDULE TO VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S PREFERRED ITINERARY, IF WE GO BACK TO THEM AGAIN WITH FURTHER INFORMATION. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.
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